

Program Summary
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Special Line Item

Program Overview

The Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson (PRDJ) Special Line Item provides the state's matching funds for Federal Funds used for wildlife habitat restoration projects, hunter education programs, and wildlife population surveys. The agency reports that matching amounts are dependent upon available subgrants, so the overall contribution rate by the state and federal governments can change each year.

Program Funding

The PRDJ Special Line Item receives funding from 3 sources: the Arizona Game and Fish Fund, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Sport Fish Restoration Program (Dingell-Johnson).

In FY 2007, the Game and Fish Department estimates the PRDJ Special Line Item will receive funding in the amount of \$16,520,300, an increase of 40% over the FY 2001 amount. *Table 1* below displays funding information for the PRDJ Special Line Item by fund source for FY 2001, FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

Funding priorities are derived from Game and Fish Commission approved strategic plans, executive staff direction (based on commission guidance), and consideration of progress in accomplishing strategic objectives. This direction is reflected in strategic plans, operational plans, the annual work plan, and in regional work plans.

Strategic objectives which the department uses to develop PRDJ allocations include:

- retention rates of fall big game hunters
- development of a scholastic clay target program
- success of hunting and fishing marketing strategy

The commission also provides direction to the department on specific priorities regarding some research projects, including wildlife and fish research.

PRDJ funds are used by the department to pay for a variety of activities, including wildlife habitat protection and development, hunter's education classes, fishing programs, and various research projects. Table 2 illustrates PRDJ awards in FY 2006.

Table 2		
Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson FY 2006 Recipients		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Pittman- Robertson</u>	<u>Dingell- Johnson</u>
Habitat Protection	\$152,600	\$152,600
Wildlife Management	230,900	230,900
Habitat Development	1,313,700	639,400
Management/Coordination/ Planning	73,200	73,200
Game Management	1,490,200	--
Statewide Investigations	875,200	--
Hunter Education	652,300	--
Nongame Investigations	202,000	--
Shooting Ranges	472,400	--
Fisheries Research	--	379,400
Boating Facilities	--	853,000
Aquatic Education	--	263,700
Interstate Fish Management	--	1,100
Hatcheries Operation	--	1,543,600
Urban Fishing	--	394,000
Statewide Fisheries	--	1,653,100
Total	\$5,462,500	\$6,183,900

The federal Sport Fish Restoration Program receives revenues from an excise tax paid by the manufacturers of fishing rods, reels, creels, lures, flies, and fishing bait. Monies are distributed to states according to a formula which allocates 60% of the grant based on the number of licensed anglers and 40% based on the state's land and water area, although no state may receive more than 5% or less than 1% of the total grant amount.

The federal Wildlife Restoration Program generates revenue from an 11% tax on sporting arms, ammunition, and archery equipment, and a 10% tax on handguns. Funding to states is based on a formula which considers both the total area of the state and the number of registered hunters within the state.

Table 1				
Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Funding History				
<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY 2001</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>
G & F	\$2,208,000	\$2,808,000	\$2,808,000	\$2,808,000
PR	4,374,800	5,106,500	5,462,500	6,311,600
DJ	5,213,300	6,141,500	6,183,900	7,400,700
Total	\$11,796,100	\$14,056,000	\$14,454,400	\$16,520,300

These programs are cost reimbursement programs, requiring states to pay the upfront costs of projects and apply for partial reimbursement of the total cost of the project. PRDJ funds cannot be used to pay for Game and Fish administrative costs.

The percentage at which programs are eligible for federal reimbursement is dependent upon the program. The state's matching share must come from a non-federal source and in some instances, such as the Hunter Safety program, use volunteer labor as the state's matching contribution.

Performance Measures

In FY 2007, the department will implement a performance measure which will monitor the percent of anglers who are satisfied with their angling experiences associated with the Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Special Line Item.

Because this measure is new for FY 2007, no previous performance data exists.

To more effectively monitor programmatic performance, the department may consider using performance measures which:

- list the number of hunting licenses sold
- report the percent of survey respondents rating game management as good or excellent
- describe the number of habitat improvements
- detail the number of big game permits issued
- count the number of fishing licenses sold
- record the number of people who attend hunter safety courses
- monitor the number of reported hunting accidents each year
- identify the number of acres of habitat which are rehabilitated every year